

## George Washington Birthplace National Monument

### Legislative Summary

The laws creating and defining George Washington Birthplace National Monument are:

Public-No.343-69<sup>th</sup> Congress, June 7, 1926

Granted the consent of Congress to the Wakefield National Memorial Association:

- to build, operate and maintain upon the plot of ground owned by the United States at Wakefield...a replica, as nearly as may be practicable, of the house in which George Washington was born,
- to be used and occupied in such manner and for such purposes in preserving the memory of George Washington as may be appropriate.

Public-No.34-71<sup>st</sup> Congress, January 23, 1930

Incorporated previous legislation:

...in erecting on the Government-owned land at Wakefield, Westmoreland County, Virginia, the building permitted by Act of Congress entitled "An Act granting the consent of Congress to the Wakefield National Memorial Association to build upon Government-owned land at Wakefield, Westmoreland County, Virginia a replica of the house in which George Washington was born, and for other purposes."

And subsequently directed:

- That the said premises and all structures thereon shall constitute the George Washington Birthplace National Monument at Wakefield, Virginia which is hereby
- established and set apart for the preservation of the historical associations connected therewith,
- for the benefit and enjoyment of the people.

Public Law 103-25, May 3, 1993

Directed the Secretary of the Interior:

- shall take such action as is necessary to preserve and interpret the history and resources associated with George Washington,
- the generations of the Washington family who lived in the vicinity,
- and their contemporaries,
- as well as 18<sup>th</sup> century plantation life and society.

### Purpose

Therefore, the purpose of George Washington Birthplace National Monument is to preserve and interpret the life and legacy of America's first and greatest hero, George Washington and the society and times in which he lived.